viability in respect of Modernisation of Cauvery Delta Phase-I and in respect of Anaimaduvu Reservoir Scheme, replies to the Central Water Commission's comments have been recently received in June, 1988 and September, 1988. As 75 per cent work of Parambikulam Aliyar Ayacut extension and modernisation of Periyar Vaigai Projects has been completed the question of their appraisal does not arise.

Ban on smoking

1494. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prohibit smoking in offices, public places and transports inclusive of Railways and the educational institutions, in view of the proof that cancer can be caused in the environment of smokers;

(b) whether Government have taken measures to control the percentage of expenditure on advertisements by cigarette manufacturers; and

(c) whether Government propose to take immediate measures to ban cigarette advertisements in sports fields and tournaments and in the promotion of sports activities or sponsoring them by cigarette manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) With a view to reducing the health hazards of smoking all the State/U.T. Governments and Central Ministries/Departments have been advised to enforce the existing legislation/instructions concerning non-smoking in different places of entertainment and public transport and to extend these to other public places.

(b) and (c) Keeping in view of the increasing incidence of tobacco related diseases it has been proposed to introduce a comprehensive plan of action against use of all tobacco products in consultation with the State Governments. The proposed anti-tobacco measures *inter-alia* include prohibition of advertisement on all tobacco products.

Shift in production of energy from nuclear base to gas base

1495. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider a shift in the energy production from nuclear base to gas base power generation in view of the abundent finds of gas in Krishna-Godavari basin and other areas, and also in view of the protests from the environmentalists regarding the possible ill-effects arising due to radiation and other problems of nuclear energy;

(b) whether there are any proposals for tapping energy from natural gas; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) The power generated from the Nuclear Power Plants today is about 3 per cent of the total electricity generated in the country. The long term plan of the Department of Atomic Energy will raise this share to about 10 per cent by the year 2000. For planning of energy in a large country like India, a proper mix of hydro, thermal and